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SUBJ: NRC HEARINGS ON XSNM-845

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1. BEFORE DELIVERING KRATZER'S MESSAGE TO SETHNA, CON GEN HAD TO DELETE CLAUSE IN FIRST PARAGRAPH READING "AS SUPPLEMENTED BY IAEC COMMENTS OF APRIL 2 ON MR HOYLE'S DRAST AFFIDAVIT" BECAUSE WE WERE NOT CERTAIN OF REFERENCE. IF AS WE BELIEVE IT REFERS TO BOMBAY 854, CONGEN EXPECTS THAT THIS MATERIAL WILL BE OVERTAKEN BY SETHNA'S REPLY NEXT WEEK TO REFTEL, AND THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO ASK SETHNA'S CLEARANCE TO USE IT IN FORM HE PROVIDED TO CONGEN ON APRIL 2. IF HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT WANTS TO USE MATERIAL AS IT WAS DEVELOPED IN APRIL, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL CLEARANCE FROM SETHNA BECAUSE LATTER HAS NEVER GIVEN EXPLICIT PERMISSION FOR US TO USE THIS DATA, AS DISTINCT FROM DATA PROVIDED IN HIS LETTER OF APR 5. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT GREJT DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING HIS AUTHORIZATION TO USE IT AS THE STATEMENTS ARE ACCURATE AND SHOULD NOT CAUSE ANY PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES CONGEN TO SEEK CLEARANCE, PLEASE CONFIRM NUMBER OF TELEGRAM BY WHICH DATA TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN OBTAIN CLEARANCE ON MONDAY.

2. REGARDING REFTEL, SETHNA SAID HE WOULD HAVE HIS PEOPLE DO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NECESSARY ANALYTICAL WORK TODAY AND TOMORROW MORNING. THEN WHEN HE AND SHAH RETURN LATE SUNDAY (SETHNA IS GOING TO DELHI TODAY AND SHAH IS OUT-OF-TOWN UNTIL SUNDAY) THEY WILL GO OVER MATERIAL AND PREPARE REPLY IN TIME TO REACH WASHINGTON DURING BUSINESS

HOURS ON JULY 19. SETHNA REMAINS BUOYANT IN AFTERMATH 805
SUCCESS AND INDICATED THAT HIS REPLY WILL BE FULLY RESPONSIVE TO
KRATZER'S REQUEST.

3. IN CLOSING TODAY'S CONVERSATION, SETHNA ADDED THAT HE WAS MOST
APPRECIATIVE OF HIS TALK WITH SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTOR
CAMPBELL REPORTED IN BOMBAY 1819 AND HOPED THAT DEPARTMENT WILL
FOLLOW ON THE SUGGESTION HE GAVE TO CAMPBELL AND HAVE MORE US
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS VISIT BOMBAY FOR TALKS WITH THE IAEC.

4. NOW THAT XSNM-805 IS OUT OF THE WAY SETHNA SEEMS KEEN ON
DEVELOPING THE KIND OF INTERCHANGE WHICH HE THOUGHT HAD BEGUN
WITH THE PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM LAST NOVEMBER. I BELIEVE THAT WE
CAN EXPECT CONTINUING SOUNDINGS IN THIS REGARD AND SHOULD BE
PREPARED WITH SOME KIND OF SUBSTANTIVE ANSWER SOON.
COURTNEY

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